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BEFORE THE
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GTE NORTH INCORPORATED,)
GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED,)
AND U.S. DIAL TONE, L.P.)

Joint Petition of GTE North Incorporated,)
GTE South Incorporated, and)
U.S. Dial Tone, L.P.)
For Approval Pursuant To 47 U.S.C.)
§§ 252 (a)(1) and 252(e),)
of an Interconnection Agreement)

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JOINT PETITION
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMONG GTE
NORTH INCORPORATED, GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED,
AND U.S. DIAL TONE, L.P.

GTE North Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated (collectively ("GTE")) and U.S. Dial Tone, L.P. ("USDT"), Joint Petitioners, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§252(a)(1) and 252(e) and Ill. Admin. Code tit. 83, § 763, petition the Illinois Commerce Commission to approve the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between GTE and USDT, on the following grounds:

1. Petitioners GTE North Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated are each telecommunications carriers within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Universal Telephone Protection Act of 1985, 220 ILCS 5/13-100, et seq. and each is authorized to provide and is currently providing, intraMSA exchange and interexchange telecommunications services to customers within certain certificated areas of the State of Illinois.

2. Petitioner USDT is a certified provider of local two-way wireline dialtone service.

3. The proposed Agreement (attached to this petition as Exhibit No. 1) was negotiated voluntarily between GTE and USDT. Accordingly, GTE and USDT are requesting approval of the Agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252(a)(1) and 252(e).

4. Under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stats. 56 (effective February 8, 1996), this Commission must approve the filed Agreement unless:

- (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or,
- (ii) the implementation of such an agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2).

5. Nor do agreements voluntarily negotiated between or among parties have to comply with the standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 251(b) & (c) or the pricing standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(d).¹

6. As stated in the attached verified Statement in Support of an Interconnection Agreement, Exhibit No. 2, GTE will make the arrangements set forth in the filed Agreement available on the same terms and conditions to any duly authorized telecommunications carrier operating within the State of Illinois. Therefore, this Agreement is not discriminatory.

¹ VOLUNTARY NEGOTIATIONS- Upon receiving a request for interconnection, services, or network elements pursuant to section 251, an incumbent local exchange carrier may negotiate and enter into a binding agreement with the requesting telecommunications carrier or carriers without regard to the standards set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of § 251. *See* 47 U.S.C.A. § 252(a)(1).

7. Among other things, this Agreement establishes the terms and conditions for the interconnection, unbundling, and resale of telecommunications services. Such agreements are to be encouraged. Thus, the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

8. The rates set forth in the Agreement are reasonable and compensatory.

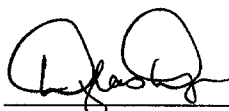
THEREFORE, GTE and USDT respectfully request that the Agreement Among GTE North Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated, and U.S. Dial Tone, L.P. be approved as filed.

Respectfully submitted this 28 day of April 1999.~~2000~~.

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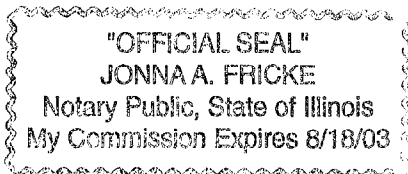
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) ss VERIFICATION
COUNTY OF MCLEAN)

James R. Hargrave, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Assistant Vice President-Regulatory & Governmental Affairs for GTE North Incorporated; that he is authorized by GTE North Incorporated and GTE South Incorporated to make this verification; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Among GTE North Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated, and U.S. Dial Tone, L.P. and knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

James H. Hargrave

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of Illinois this 26 day of April 2000.



Donald A. Frick
Notary Public

My commission expires:

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STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF BEXAR) ss VERIFICATION

ROBERT MAKER, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that
he/she is the PRESIDENT of U.S. Dial Tone, L.P.; that he/she is authorized by
U.S. Dial Tone, L.P. to make this verification; that he/she has read the above and
foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Among
GTE North Incorporated, GTE South Incorporated, and U.S. Dial Tone, L.P. and
knows the contents thereof; and that said contents are true to the best of his/her
knowledge, information and belief.

Robert Maker

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public for the State of TEXAS
this 17 day of APRIL 1999-2000



Mary Beth Ewing
Notary Public

My commission expires: Oct 5, 2003